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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant' 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CF	R 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of	period set forth in of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered be	ecause:	
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(b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note I	below);	
(c) ☑ they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or	in better form for appeal by mate	erially reducing or simplifying the
(d) \square they present additional claims without cancel	ling a corresponding number of t	finally rejected claims.
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3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection		
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	be allowable if submitted in a se	eparate, timely filed amendment
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7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment explanation of how the new or amended claims we	(s) a) will not be entered or by ould be rejected is provided belo)□ will be entered and an ow or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:		
Claim(s) allowed:		
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8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on is a) ☐ app	roved or b) disapproved by f	the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement	nt(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	<u> </u>
10. Other:		Peter D. Mulcahy Primary Examiner Art Unit: 1713

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